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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. HARA et al (see attached)

For:  
A METHOD FOR RETRIEVING DOCUMENTS

Enclosed are:

11 Sheets of Drawings  
 This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.  
 Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2002-288202 filed October 1, 2002.  A certified copy is attached herewith, which is hereby incorporated by reference.  
 Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or  attached Information Disclosure Statement.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.  
 Specification: Abstract X, Description 23 pages; and 12 claim(s).  
 Preliminary Amendment.  
 Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

### Small Entity

For:	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	12 -20 = * 0	
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x 9	\$
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	\$ 750
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A check in the amount of \$ 1,254.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

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